

**ITEM 9. TENDER - ELIZABETH MCCREA PLAYGROUND UPGRADE,
REDFERN**

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TENDER NO: 1715

SUMMARY

This report provides details of the tenders received for the Elizabeth McCrea Playground Upgrade. Elizabeth McCrea Playground is a local park in Kepos Street, Redfern. The park is approximate 480m² and characterised by mature exotic and native tree plantings, open grass areas and a basic playground including swings and a slide.

Council endorsed the scope of work for the improvements to Elizabeth McCrea Playground on 14 December 2015.

The Elizabeth McCrea Playground upgrade will improve the quality of the open space, play equipment, and park facilities and amenities. The renewal is being undertaken as part of the Parks General Upgrade program.

This report recommends that Council accept the tender offer of Tenderer 'A' for the Elizabeth McCrea Playground Upgrade.

RECOMMENDATION

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council accept the tender offer of Tenderer 'A' for the Elizabeth McCrea Playground Upgrade;
- (B) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer the contracts relating to the tender; and
- (C) Council approve an increase in budget as detailed in confidential Attachment B to the subject report.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Documentation drawings for Elizabeth McCrea Playground Upgrade

Attachment B: Tender Evaluation Summary (Confidential)

(As Attachment B is confidential, it will be circulated separately from the agenda paper and to Councillors and relevant senior staff only.)

BACKGROUND

1. Elizabeth McCrea Playground is a local park in Kepos Street, Redfern. The park is approximate 480m² and characterised by mature exotic and native tree plantings, open grass areas, a basketball hoop and a basic playground including swings and a slide. The space is fenced and surrounded by a low evergreen hedge. Local residents leave children's toys and tricycles in the park for communal use.
2. Elizabeth McCrea Playground has been nominated for upgrade because it has basic park amenities and old play equipment that does not meet current Australian standards.
3. The project will provide play equipment that conforms to Australian Safety Standards and increase the range of play opportunities within the park. Consideration for the provision of play equipment in surrounding parks ensures a coordinated network of facilities that caters for a broad range of park users and age groups.
4. Council endorsed the scope of work for the improvements to Elizabeth McCrea Playground on 14 December 2015.
5. Following approval by Council, the project timeline has been impacted by the need for lodgement and approval of a Development Application (including requirement for Owner's Consent from the Department of Housing, as the Land Owner).

INVITATION TO TENDER

6. The tender for the Elizabeth McCrea Playground upgrade was advertised in The Sydney Morning Herald, The Daily Telegraph and Council's E-tender website on 21 March 2017. The tender period lasted three weeks and closed on 11 April 2017.

TENDER SUBMISSIONS

7. Four submissions were received from the following organisations:
 - Coopers Commercial Constructions Pty Ltd
 - Murphy's Construction Group Pty Ltd
 - Regal Innovations Pty Ltd
 - Wilson Pedersen Landscapes Pty Ltd.
8. No late submissions were received.

TENDER EVALUATION

9. All members of the Tender Evaluation Panel have signed Pecuniary Interest Declarations. No pecuniary interests were noted.
10. The relative ranking of tenders as determined from the total weighted score is provided in the Confidential Tender Evaluation Summary – Attachment B.

11. All submissions were assessed in accordance with the following approved evaluation criteria:
- (a) demonstrated experience in carrying out works of a similar size and nature;
 - (b) personnel allocation, qualifications, experience and capacity, including sub-contractors;
 - (c) the proposed program;
 - (d) construction methodology, including pedestrian and traffic management and environmental management;
 - (e) Work Health and Safety;
 - (f) financial and commercial trading integrity including insurances; and
 - (g) the lump sum price and schedule of prices.

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

12. The City will ensure that performance standards are achieved during construction through regular assessment of the following Key Performance Indicators:
- (a) Safety and Environment – works are carried out in a safe manner, to not only avoid incidents but have no non-conformances. All means will be used to reduce any undue impact on environment;
 - (b) Communication – day-to-day liaison (including weekly site meetings) and inspections with contractor;
 - (c) Planning – works are carried out in a planned manner and with proactive rather than reactive approach to reduce technical and community issues;
 - (d) Program and Resources – timely completion of separate phases in a co-ordinated manner. Reducing the overlapping of various phases. How good the resources on the project are to manage time, plus the capacity of the contractor to add resources when required to mitigate delays;
 - (e) Quality assurance inspections undertaken by head consultant; and
 - (f) Cost Variations – all efforts made to reduce the number and value of variations. Variation amounts and options provided in a timely manner to give the Principal the opportunity to mitigate the impact of any variation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

13. Additional funds are required for this project due to the preferred tender exceeding the pre-tender estimate. The acceptance of the recommended tender will therefore require Council to increase the project budget as detailed in confidential Attachment B.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

14. The tender has been conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and the City's Contracts Policy.
15. Attachment B contains confidential commercial information of the tenderers and details of Council's tender evaluation and contingencies which, if disclosed, would:
 - (a) confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; and
 - (b) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.
16. Discussion of the matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest because it would compromise Council's ability to negotiate fairly and commercially to achieve the best outcome for its ratepayers.

CRITICAL DATES / TIME FRAMES

17. The time frame for this project is as follows:
 - (a) Start Construction early August 2017; and
 - (b) Practical Completion mid-November 2017.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

18. The design for the upgrade of Elizabeth McCrea Playground was first exhibited from 21 August to 11 September 2015. In response to community feedback, the design was revised to cater specifically for children aged five and under. The need for more shade, a larger rejuvenated lawn area, and additional seating were also prioritised.
19. The revised design was exhibited from 3 to 17 November 2015. Eighteen submissions were received, with the majority supporting the re-design of the park for young children. Submissions were also positive about the increased shade, trees and shrubs.

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